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VICE-CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF.

BARDU AS AN AIR BASE.

The British Military representatives in conjunction with the French representatives on the Allied Military Committee have asked me to express to the Air Staff that in their view it is of the greatest importance to establish an air base at Bardu without delay: or, failing this, to have everything ready to establish one as soon as conditions permit.

They feel that steps should be taken now to prevent the Germans obtaining the first foothold in this area, thus making any subsequent attempt by us to establish ourselves there more difficult.

They consider that aircraft established there now would not only assist materially in the operations to capture Arvik but might play a decisive role in any action the Germans may take in the near future to obtain possession of Arnes and the Ullivare ore fields.

*Over*

Air Commodore.

R.A.F. (Air).

Allied Military Committee,  
Cupdyr House, C. S. I.

57th April, 1941.

Copy sent to the Director of Plans.



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Major-General Carl Fleischer,  
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'Norway House'  
21/24, Cockspur Street,  
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HÆRENS OVERKOMMANDO,

Norwegian Army Command.

Jnr. 4781/41.

C-in-C Norwegian Army.

London, 29th September 1941.

Secret

Dear

*General*

I want to convey to you my thanks for your letter of appreciation of the services rendered by my officers and men in Spitzbergen.

I was very pleased to receive your congratulations and thanks which have been conveyed to the Army personell concerned.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you my appreciation for the consideration and discretion shown to the Norwegian inhabitants by the British Army personell taking part in this delicate operation.

Yours

*sincerely**John G. Dill*

General Sir John G. Dill, K.C.B., C.M.B., D.S.O., Col.E.Lan.R.  
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with the British for<sup>t</sup> and finally said that something wd. have to be done!

To all these questions & remarks I returned guarded & discouraging replies. I said, for instance, that when I visited D: Kott at Brackwell he seemed very busy with his work; that I had heard that the P. H. had been favourably impressed by his conversation with him; that I understood that Mr. Mygaard, told least on him for counsel etc. etc.

I said nothing wh: wd. give a handle to D: Kott's opponents.

With all his faults, and though from many points of view it wd. be an advantage to see D: Kott replaced by someone else, like M. die for example, this does not seem a good moment to remove him, because the Germans would be certain to make capital out of it and in Norway it would give an impression that the Norw. for<sup>t</sup> over here was split into two camps.

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+ I think he did. I find that there

are no responses. E.C. +  
 May 1/5

Yes  
 O. Sargent